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To: State Board of Education Members

From: Reed Hastings, President and Charter Schools Liaison

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Subject: Item 39, March 2004 Agenda
Appointment to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

The Advisory Commission on Charter Schools includes representatives of various segments of the education community. Currently, there are two vacant positions, one representing school district superintendents and the other representing parents. I would like to recommend the appointment of John Deasy for vacant position representing district superintendents.

As Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent, John has been working on the development of a charter for one of the district's K-8 school. He has been intensely involved with charter school efforts across the country, including in New York and Rhode Island. During his two decades as an educator, John has been a teacher, a school administrator, and a district administrator. An outstanding administrator, John was named the 2001 Rhode Island State Superintendent of the Year.

I am very appreciative of his willingness to serve in this capacity.